## Governor McAuliffe Announces Premiere of Point of Honor Pilot on Amazon.com

~Civil War-era drama filmed entirely on location in Virginia premieres today, January 15~

Governor Terry McAuliffe today announced the premiere of the pilot episode of *Point of Honor* on Amazon.com. The series, filmed entirely in Virginia, follows a Virginia family and its courageous struggles during the Civil War, and is available today for streaming in the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany.

*Point of Honor* is a co-production between Amazon and ABC Signature Studios. If the series is picked up, future episodes would be streamed as part of the Amazon Prime service which provides original content to its members. The number of viewers and their comments about the pilot episode will be instrumental in determining whether *Point of Honor* will continue as a series. With enough interest, the production will continue filming in Virginia, contributing an estimated \$50 million annually to the Commonwealth's economy.

Speaking about today's announcement, Governor McAuliffe said, "I would like to encourage all Virginians to support *Point of Honor*, an important film project that could contribute millions to the Commonwealth. By watching the pilot of this series, Virginians voice their support for a critical opportunity to provide good-paying jobs to our citizens, bringing more revenue to the Commonwealth and helping to build a new Virginia economy."

"With enough viewer support, *Point of Honor* will return production to Virginia," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones. "Virginia's film industry is \$382.5 million strong, providing \$19.4 million in state and local tax revenue for the Commonwealth and more than 2,000 full time jobs. We want to keep productions like this here in Virginia in order to keep the industry going strong."

Viewers can go to <a href="www.virginia.org/pointofhonor">www.virginia.org/pointofhonor</a> to view the pilot episode and find more information about the series filming in Virginia.

## About *Point of Honor*

Point of Honor follows a fictional Virginia family who experiences divided loyalties and finds its strength, courage, and love tested as a result. It stars Nathan Parsons (*True Blood*) as a West Point graduate and Christopher O'Shea (*Baby Daddy*) as his best friend and brother-in-law. The show was co-written by Carlton Cuse, who is also Executive Producer. Cuse previously served as a writer for *LOST*, and has won an Emmy, a Golden Globe, a Producer's Guild Award and a Writer's Guild Award. Barry Jossen is also Executive Producer for *Point of Honor* and an Academy Award winner for his Live Action Short *Dear Diary*.

Director, Co-Writer and Executive Producer Randall Wallace is from Virginia. He graduated from E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg and went on to direct the 2010 film *Secretariat* about

Virginia's legendary triple-crown winning thoroughbred. Wallace is also noted for his screenplay work for *Braveheart*. He most recently wrote and directed the film *Heaven is for Real*. For more information about the Virginia Film Office, please click here.

## From the *Hollywood Reporter*:

Point of Honor: At the start of the Civil War, a Virginia family, led by their West Point bred son, John Rhodes (played by Nathan Parsons, True Blood), makes the controversial decision to defend the South while freeing all of their slaves. At battle against his northern brethren and his best friend and brother-in-law Robert Sumner (played by Christopher O'Shea, Baby Daddy), John leaves his three strong-willed sisters at home to run the plantation that is now without a free labor source. The choice to protect the life they have always known and defend the moral high ground will pit the family against one another and test their strength, courage and love. An hourlong drama shot entirely on-location in historic Virginia, Point of Honor also stars Annabelle Stephenson (Revenge) as Kate Rhodes, Riley Voelkel (The Newsroom) as Lorelei Rhodes, Hanna Mangan Lawrence (Old School) as Estella Rhodes, Patrick Heusinger (Revolution) as Colonel Palmer Kane, Luke Benward (Ravenswood) as Garland Rhodes, Adrienne Warren (Black Box) as Abby, Lucien Laviscount (Waterloo Road) as Elijah, and James Harvey Ward (Low Winter Sun) as Cutler. The pilot was directed by Randall Wallace (Braveheart), written by Carlton Cuse (Lost) and Wallace, and Executive Produced by Cuse, Wallace and Barry Jossen (Sex and the City). Point of Honor is a co-production with ABC Signature Studios.